

'52 SOFTBALL LEAGUE SEASON OPENS

Four Games On Tap For Opener, Monday

The high point in Torrance softball—opening of the 1952 Municipal Industrial Softball Race—slides into the limelight Monday night as a series of double-bills gets under way at 7 o'clock with plenty of red-hot ball playing promised.

At the Torrance City Park, National Electric and the Three Ms of Midland Rubber, will match strides in the first tiff, while Amroco and National Supply mix in the second tussle commencing at 8:30. Both games will be played under A League rules.

Smith, Dawson Double Winners

Although no official team scores were recorded, Torrance Elementary would have walked off with the Optimist Club-sponsored Grammar School relays staged on the Torrance High School track yesterday.

Torrance Elementary's Skippy Smith was one of the two double blue ribbon winners of the day, coping the 100-yard dash in 11.9s, and taking the high jump at 4 ft. 10 in. Judges said he could have gone to 5 ft., Cliff Graybehl, Optimist boys' work chairman, said.

Dick Dawson, also from the Torrance Elementary School, turned in an 11.3s, timing to capture the 70-yard low hurdles and jumped 16 ft. 4 in. to win a blue medal in the broad jump to become the other double winner.

Students from WALTERIA, Seaside, North Torrance and Greenwood schools competed. On hand to hand out the winners' ribbons was Forrest Meyers, president of the Torrance Optimist Club.

Summary: 70-yard low hurdles—D. Dawson (TE); M. Kendall (S); R. King (NT); Schmidt (TE); Babbitt (NT), 11.3s.

100—S. Smith (TE); T. Holmes (TE); C. Edmand (S); D. Hale (G); R. King (NT), 11.9s.

440—J. Mullen (TE); M. Schmidt (TE); E. Turney (TE); F. Meyer (W); Ruffell (TE), 65.5s.

180—T. Holmes (TE); C. Edmands (S); M. Kendall (S); G. Hale (G); F. Meyer (W), 22.1s.

High jump—S. Smith (TE); T. Howard (W); J. Meyer (W), 4 ft. 10 in.

Shot put—J. Wilkins (W); J. Smith (TE); G. Sutton (S); Cook (TE), 30 ft. 3 in.

Broad jump—D. Dawson (TE); T. Howard (W) and E. Turney (TE); R. Hase (TE); D. Babbitt (NT).

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DOUBLE WINNER... Forrest Meyers, Optimist Club president, pins a bright blue ribbon on the shirt of Skippy Smith, Torrance Elementary School track whiz, who skinned to two victories in the Grammar School relays yesterday. Dick Dawson, also of Torrance Elementary, copped also two blue winners during the day.

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Peppy Third Inning Fails to Even Tide

Chalking up nearly as many errors as the Republicans have presidential candidates, Torrance's varsity hickory crew muffed their only night tilt of the year Friday night as the Redondo Seabawks stumbled into a 9-6 win over the locals.

The Tartars recorded a phenomenal number of fumbles—13 being listed on their roster. On the other hand, the victors came through with only two miffs.

Pulling into a quick 2-0 lead in the first few moments of the eve, the visitors quickly gained momentum and didn't let down until the fifth frame when it was too late for Torrance to make a recovery.

A big third stanza for the Tartars looked like the turning point, after Seahawk hurler Rich Hatano died on the mound and issued three free passes, and gave up two bingles. Pitcher Charlie Camou, first man to face Hatano in the inning, was offered four in a row and trotted to first. Outfielder Burt Smith bopped a single and Charlie scooted to second.

Larry Roy slammed out a potential to center field, but Redondo's Fred Bayn snatched it out from under the lights. Then freshman Walt McHenry, who got two hits and two runs for 4 tries, blasted out a single, loading the bases. First baseman Joe White popped a high fly but not high enough that chucker Hatano could make the catch, for the second put out of the frame.

Then Fralich was handed a walk which scored Camou, Frank Christensen got a free ride to telly Smith, and Jim Murphy zoomed to first after the second baseman bobbed his grounded during which McHenry and Fralich, who was called safe as he ground into home plate, scored.

Bill Crawford flew out to the shortstop to retire the side. That was the big third—and the last big frame of the evening.

Coach Dick Leech pulled a switcheroo at the last moment prior to the opening inning and handed shortstop Crawford the hurling chore. The lanky 1951 All-Bay League ball handler had trouble in pulling his throws from inside, but at perfect height, to over the platter.

In the third Leech moved Camou from second base to chucker, put Crawford back at short, and returned Murphy from short to second. Even this switch didn't help the error situation.

Thursday afternoon the locals match wits with Beverly Hills on the home grounds for the final round of the season. With

Durr Brothers Take Over Track

Carroll Speedway has been leased to the Durr Brothers, Ken Dee and Bob, who will take steps to spend nearly \$50,000 to make the track into a "racing show place," according to an announcement made Friday.

The track has been closed since April 27 and it will have a grand reopening Sunday, May 25. Don Basile, racing director, said that a 100-lap Grand National stock car championship event would open the plant.

TORRANCE					REDONDO				
AB	R	H	E		AB	R	H	E	
Murphy, 2b, ss.	1	2	0	0	Swearingin, ss.	2	2	0	1
Crawford, p, sp.	3	0	1	2	Wesch, 2b.	4	2	2	1
Camou, 2b, p.	2	1	0	0	Arnold, 1b.	4	0	1	0
Smith, lf.	1	2	0	0	Basn, cf.	4	1	0	0
McHenry, cf.	4	0	2	0					
White, 1b.	3	0	0	1					
Fralich, 3b.	1	1	0	0					
Christensen, c.	1	0	0	0					

Score by Innings					R H E				
Torrance	0	0	0	0	6	8	13		
Redondo	2	2	2	0	9	6	2		



MEET THE CHAMP... Dr. Rollin R. Smith, left, beams proudly as Dr. C. E. Dibbell (center) and Dr. L. C. Frederickson congratulate him on winning the Annual Trophy for golfers at the American Animal Hospital Assn. convention last week. Dr. Smith grabbed the trophy with a low net of 73. Dr. Dibbell and Dr. Frederickson were attending the convention from Florida.

Lutheran Church to Enter Old Men's Softball League

Lutheran Church Men's Club viera Sportsmen's Association will enter the Torrance Recreation Club in the second mix, commencing at 8:30.

The following evening at the WALTERIA diamond the Optimist Kiwanis Club Elmer "Red" Moon will take on the Lions, and the city athletic director, revealed yesterday morning.

Because of certain difficulties in scheduling, the Kiwanians will be unable to participate, so the Lutheran Church crew jumped at the chance, Moon said.

Initial contest of the year is slated to be held at McMaster Park at 7 o'clock, Thursday. Lutheran nine tackles the Rotary crew in the first sport will be one well worth one's time as great entertainments to tame the Hollywood-Rimment, Moon urged.

El Camino Rips San Diego 19-1 In Metro Mix

El Camino, hopping back on to the winning streak after being bopped last week, climbed all over visiting San Diego Friday afternoon at the El Camino diamond and gave them a 19-1 shellacking to carry back to the border city.

A terrific second inning cost the visitors 8 big runs as the locals jumped onto the bandwagon to push them into a mountainous lead. The Warriors blasted out 15 hits and were charged with only one error. San Diego got five hits, one run and 2 bobbles.

Tony Raia went the distance for the El Camino men and did a masterful job at holding down the San Diego attack. Behind the plate for the Warriors went Joe

Soldier Gets Rank Boost

Kenneth D. Camp, whose wife, Hazel, lives at 1023 Madrid Ave., was recently promoted to the rank of sergeant while serving on the muddy central Korean front with the 40th Infantry Division.

His unit, a southern California National Guard outfit, is holding a sector south of battered Kumsong. It arrived in Korea early this year, after 16 months of training in the U. S. and Japan.

A member of Headquarters and Service Company, 578th Engineer Battalion, Sgt. Camp entered the Army from the National Guard in September, 1950.

Rokos, Ed Berg and Steve Stevenson, Bakersfield Junior College knocked out an 11-4 victory over Valley to cop the Metropolitan League crown. El Camino was blasted out of the race last weekend when Long Beach hurled them a major setback. The Vikes and El Camino had been tied in third place right down to the wire.

Score by Innings R H E
San Diego 10 0 0 0 0—1 5 2
El Camino 28 3 0 32—19 15 1
Fonville and Roberts; Raia and Rokos, Berg (6) and Stevenson (9).

HIGH COUNTRY
Much of Tibet is more than 15,000 feet in altitude. Lignite reserves in the U. S. total 900 billion tons.

Yellowtail Runs Heavy In Local Fishing Banks

The first yellowtail of the season were taken Thursday in local waters, running from 12 to 21 pounds, according to the weekly Long Beach Pierpoint Landing fish report. And barracuda, which disappeared for several days, are making an appearance on the horseshoe kelp beds again.

Complete report shows:
San Clemente: Producing limits of calico and bull bass every day. First good barracuda catch made last week. Picking up.

Catalina Island: White sea bass getting better every day. Bass running to 40 pounds. Barracuda fishing slow. Good catches of calico bass and halibut, lots of yellowtail, but fishing still slow.

Live Bait Barge Fishing: Halibut fishing excellent. Mackerel now showing up along with plenty of kingfish.

Fishing from skiffs along breakwater: Fishing now peak and will continue at that level for rest of year. Plug fishermen really sacking up the calico bass. Lots of opal eye perch, sculpin and cabezone.

Live Bait Situation: Good—straight anchovies.

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